THE CRIMINAL PROCEDURE CODE AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, I beg to present the Report of the Select Committee on the Criminal Procedure Code Amendment Bill. The Report has been duly published in the Gazette and copies thereof have been circulated among the Members. I beg to move that the Report be taken up for consideration by the Council.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to propose that the word 'and' occurring in lines 3 and 4 of Section 1 of the Bill, may be changed into 'or'. This verbal amendment will make the wording of the Section accurate.

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramania Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to propose that Section 2 of the Bill be changed into Section 3 and the following be added as Section 2:—

"*Section 308, para 2.* Insert the words 'may be presented to such Subordinate Magistrate, or, if already presented to the District Magistrate', between the words 'class of appeals' and 'may be transferred', in line 5".

The amendment proposed is an important one, the idea being that the District Magistrate, when on circuit, may be in a position to order generally any Magistrate of the 1st Class subordinate to him, and empowered by Government to hear appeals from the sentences of Second and Third Class Magistrates, to take such appeals on his file and dispose of them according to law. Under the existing law, all appeals have to be presented to the District Magistrates, who may then transfer them to the 1st Class Magistrates. The proposed amendment will bring the Section into accord with the corresponding Section in the British Code.

Seconded by Mr. Padmanabha Iyer.

Carried.

President.—As the Bill is a short Amendent Bill, containing provisions similar to those in the British Code of Criminal Procedure, I think that it may be finally passed at this meeting, without deferring its final reading to a future meeting as usual.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to move that the Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE FACTORIES BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, on behalf of Mr. K. P. Sankara Menon, who is not present, I beg to present the further Report of the Select Committee on the Factories Bill. The Members of the Council will remember that, when the first Report of the Select Committee on the Bill was considered by the Council at its meeting dated 30-11-08, it was resolved that the Bill as amended by the Council should be re-committed to the Select Committee, with instructions to go through it again. The Committee were also authorised to invite the opinions of the various interests affected by the Bill in the form in which it was then settled, and the Committee were required to submit their further Report. This Report, the Committee have now submitted. It was published in the Gazette for general information. I beg to move that the Report be taken up for consideration by the Council.

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramania Iyer.

Carried.

The Council considered the amendments suggested by the various factory owners and managers, as also the opinion of the Select Committee thereon. The Council concurred in all the recommendations made by the Committee.

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M Row,—I beg to move that the Bill, as amended by the Council be read ag future day of which notice shall be given.

Seconde by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE WEIGHTS AND MEASURES BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, the Bill is now before the Council for final reading. But, before moving that it be read again and passed, I have, on behalf of Government, to propose an amendment to Section 1 of the Bill. The date on which the Regulation is to come into force has to be fixed, and I beg to propose that this law may take effect from the 1st Chingom 1086, so that the public may have ample notice of the provisions of the new Regulation.

Sconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row then moved that the Bill be read again in Council and passed.

The motion was put and agreed to.

THE FOREST REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, on behalf of Government, I beg to propose the following amendment to Section 6, clause (d) :—

Insert the words 'not less than three and,' between the words 'period' and 'not', in line 1.

The Section fixes a period within which every claimant to any land comprised within the limits of a proposed Reserved Forest, may present his claim. The Section, as it stands, provides only a maximum period. I think that it would be well to provide a minimum period also, so that the rights of the public may be sufficiently safeguarded.

Seconded by Mr. N. Subramania Iyer.

Carried.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to move that the Bill be finally read and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE LAND ACQUISITION REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—I beg to move that the Land Acquisition Regulation Amendment Bill be read again in Council and passed.

Seconded by Mr. Raman Pillai.

Carried.

THE HIGH COURT REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Ananda Row.—Sir, before the Council adjourns today, I beg permission to introduce a Bill to amend the High Court Regulation, I of 1067. The amendment I propose, is to Section 13 of the Regulation, which requires that civil appeals of Rs. 2,500 and upwards shall be heard and determined by a Full Bench of three Judges. The powers of a Division Bench of the High Court in the matter of civil appeals were fixed at a time when the jurisdiction of the Munsiffs extended only up to Rs. 500 Now that the Munsiffs are given jurisdiction up to Rs. 2, 00 and the limit of appeals disposable by the District Courts extends up to Rs. 1,000, the High Court are of opinion that the limit of Rs. 2,500 in Section 13 of the High Court Regulation may be raised to Rs. 5,000. I may add that the powers of a Division Bench under the old Sadr Court Regulation, I. of 1057, extended up to Rs. 5,000.

In view of the fact that the new Civil Courts Regulation has been in force from the beginning of the current year, I think that it is desirable that the proposed amendment to the High Court Regulation should be passed at an early date. I

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